



Joan McDonald
Commissioner

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State of Connecticut
Department of Economic and
Community Development

Honorable Joseph F. Marie
Commissioner
Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131-7456

Re: Stamford – Harbor Point Partnership Project

Dear Commissioner Marie:


The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is pleased to confirm its support of the state's application for federal stimulus funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The state is applying for \$26.6 million to advance the construction of the urban access roads serving the Harbor Point Partnership revitalization located in the south end of Stamford. This mixed-use project is a wonderful example of Transit Oriented Development opening up a section of the city to residential and commercial use with its proximity to Stamford Station.

The Harbor Point project includes redevelopment of an economically distressed neighborhood including 80 acres of brownfield redevelopment, 6 million square feet of mixed-use development, 4,000 new dwelling units in a wide range of styles and prices, 400 workforce affordable housing units, eleven acres of new open space and a new community school for area children.

Roadway construction will include Washington Boulevard, Atlantic, Pacific, Canal, Market Street and public transportation supplementing the current bus service to support transit oriented development in the South End of Stamford. The project, collaboratively planned through a public/private partnership and extensive community involvement, will enhance mobility by creating transportation options such as walking trails, sidewalks and bike lanes.

DECD is strongly committed to the Harbor Point Partnership project in Stamford and look forward to a continued partnership with DOT, the City of Stamford and the Harbor Point Partnership.

Sincerely,



Joan McDonald
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cc: Peter Simmons, Brian Dillon - Office of Responsible Development
Honorable Dannel P. Malloy - Mayor-City of Stamford